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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are presented for examination.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/11/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10-14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Webb et al. [US Patent Application No 2002/0083342].

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5. As per claim 1, Webb discloses the invention as claimed including a computer readable medium for providing controlled access to a home network [i.e. accessing devices on private networks via clients on a public network] [Figure 1; and Abstract], the computer program including instructions for causing one or more devices of the home network to perform steps comprising:

receiving a log-in attempt from a remote user [i.e. gateway accepts user's log-in request] [210, Figure 4; Abstract; and paragraphs 0008 and 0047], the log-in attempt originating from an Internet protocol address [i.e. public internet network] [12, Figure 1; and paragraphs 0044 and 0045];

verifying that the remote user is an authorized user of the home network [i.e. determine whether authorize to access] [220, Figure 4; and paragraphs 0047 and 0048];

generating a network address translation rule associating the Internet protocol address with a port of a device on the home network [i.e. address mapping] [Figure 2; and paragraphs 0044, 0045 and 0049];

displaying a graphical user interface to the remote user [i.e. browser] [240, Figure 4; and paragraphs 0032 and 0049], the graphical user interface allowing the remote user to select only content or services that the remote user is authorized to select [i.e. access rights for particular device] [230, Figure 4; and paragraphs 0009 and 0050];

receiving a selection request from the remote user [i.e. user selects link] [250, Figure 4; and paragraphs 0032 and 0051]; and

providing content or services to the remote user according to the selection request [i.e. serve web page to user's client] [280, Figure 4; and paragraphs 0009, 0010 and 0051],

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wherein the receiving, verifying, generating, and providing are performed by one or more devices of the home network [14, Figure 1; Abstract; and paragraphs 0008-0011, 0044 and 0047].

6. As per claim 2, Webb discloses instructions for causing a gateway of the home network to transmit authentication information regarding the remote user to one or more devices of the home network after verifying that the remote user is an authorized user of the home network [i.e. redirect client request to web server of device] [250, Figure 4; Abstract; and paragraphs 0010 and 0045].

7. As per claim 6, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claims 1. Furthermore, Webb discloses a gateway configured to provide controlled access to a home network, the gateway comprising: a first port configured to receive a log-in attempt from a remote user, and a second port configured for attaching a network device of the home network [Abstract; and paragraphs 0009, 0010, 0044 and 0045].

8. As per claim 7, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 1.

9. As per claim 8, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 6.

10. As per claim 10, Webb discloses wherein the first network device comprises a personal computer or a network attached storage device [10, Figure 1; and paragraph 0042].

11. As per claim 11, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 1. Furthermore, Webb discloses a second network device, the gateway being further configured to: receive a second selection request from the remote user; and provide services to the remote user from the second network device according to the second selection request [250-280, Figure 4; and paragraphs 0047-0050].

12. As per claim 12, Webb discloses wherein the second network device is a webcam or a device for streaming audio data [18-24, Figure 1; and paragraphs 0003 and 0004].

13. As per claims 13 and 14, they are rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claims 1 and 2.

14. As per claim 18, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

15. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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16. Claims 3-5, 9, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb et al. [US Patent Application No 2002/0083342], in view of Seki [US Patent Application No 2003/0018753].

17. As per claim 3, Webb does not specifically disclose instructions for causing a gateway of the home network to communicate with the remote user according to a first protocol different from a second protocol used for communication between the gateway and one or more devices of the home network. Seki discloses instructions for causing a gateway of the home network to communicate with the remote user according to a first protocol different from a second protocol used for communication between the gateway and one or more devices of the home network [i.e. rewrite the header information of the packet from IP to IEEE1394] [ST434, ST435, Figure 4B; and paragraph 0162]. It would have been obvious to a person skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Webb and Seki because the teaching of Seki to connect packet from IP to IEEE1394 network would enable to remotely control apparatus on a home network from an external network [Seki, paragraphs 0002].

18. As per claim 4, Webb discloses wherein the first protocol is HTTP [paragraphs 0028 and 0030].

19. As per claim 5, Seki discloses wherein the second protocol is a content protocol [paragraphs 0005 and 0105].

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20. As per claim 9, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 3.
21. As per claim 15, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 3.
22. As per claims 16 and 17, they are rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claims 4 and 5.
23. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
24. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire **3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days** from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application (see 35 U.S.C 133, M.P.E.P 710.02, 710.02(b)).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dustin Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3971. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached at (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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/Dustin Nguyen/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2154